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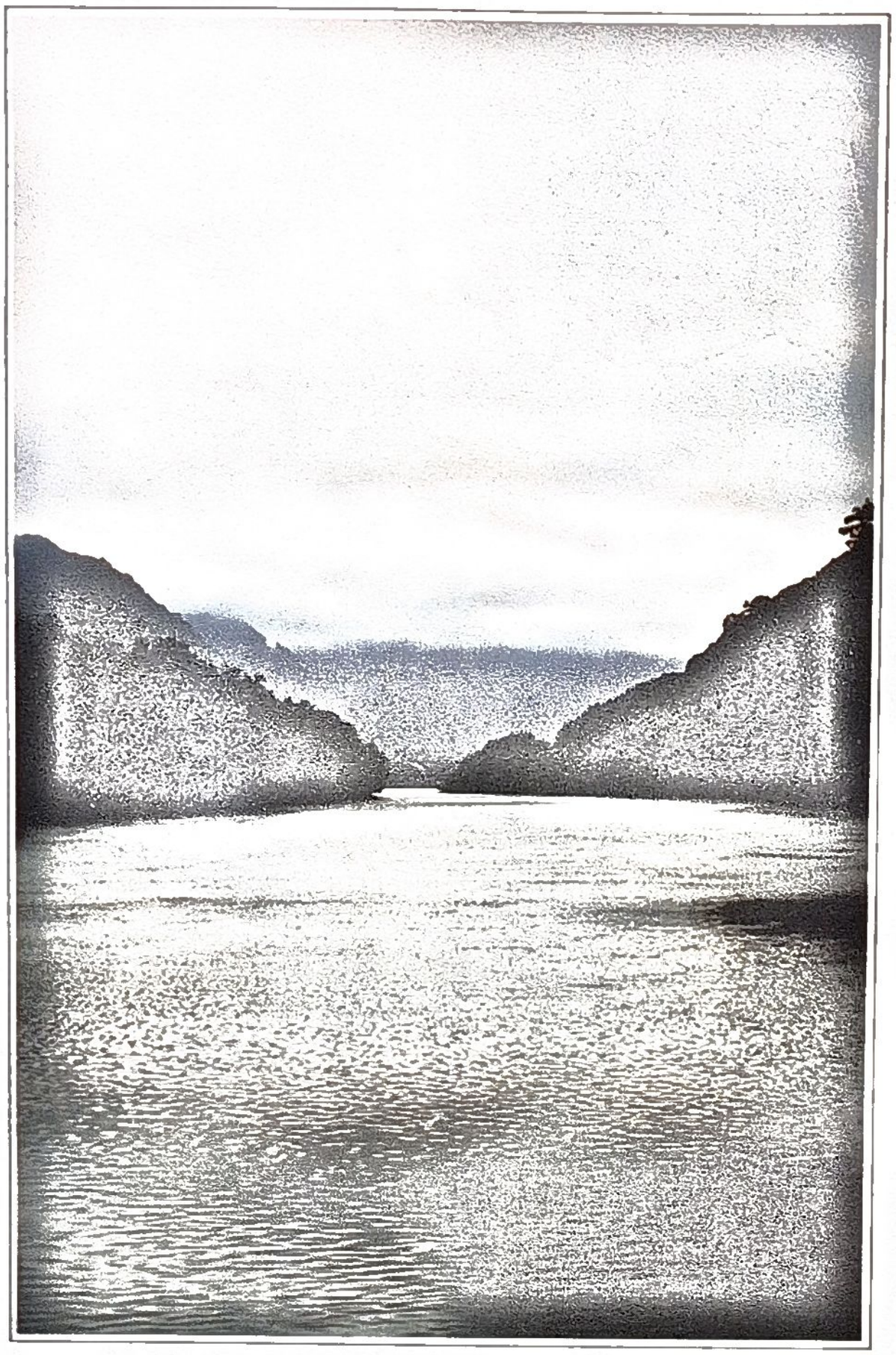
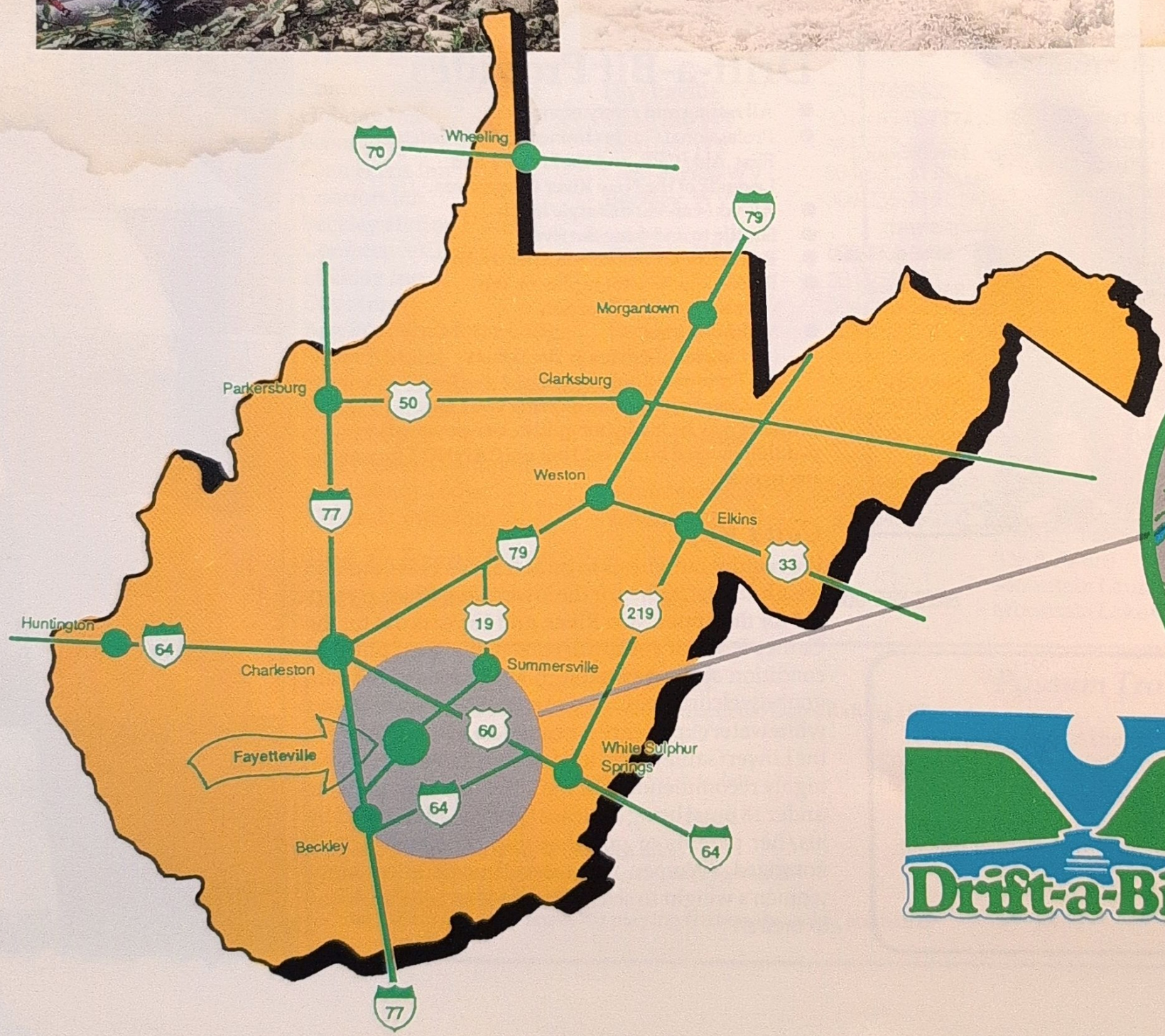


About Drift-A-Bit

We are a River Adventure Company offering experience and expert guides for you or your group, whether you want roaring white water or a laid back fishing trip on the more placid waters of the upper New River.

Drift-A-Bit is owned and operated by natives of the New River Gorge and licensed by the West Virginia Department of Natural Resorces. We offer more than just a white water trip! Our trips are laid- back and our goal is to share with you our love of white water and the culture of West Virginia. Whitewater rafting can be many experiences to many people, but it is always unique! If you looking for a new way to enjoy the outdoors and appreciate quality and personal attention, you owe it to yourself to try whitewater rafting with Drift-A-Bit.



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P.O. Box 885
Fayetteville, WV 25840

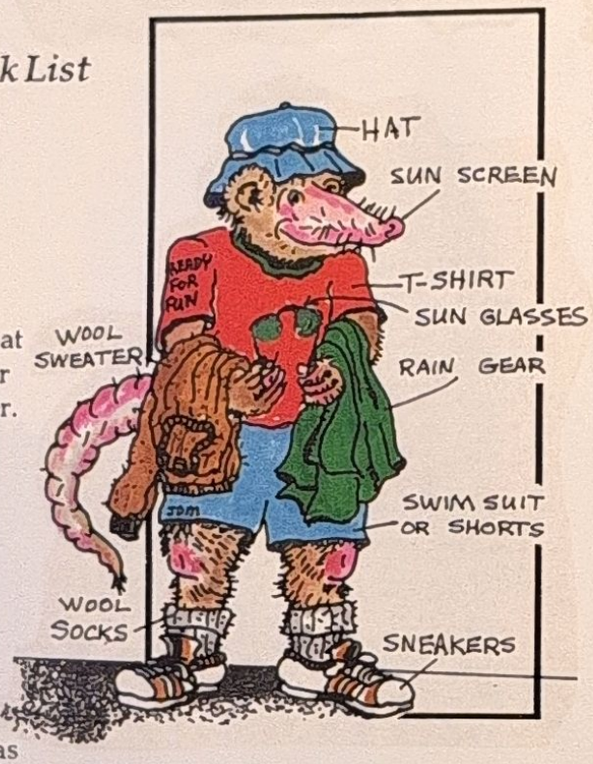
Phone (304) 574-3282
1-800-633-RAFT

What to Bring *Basic Check List*

Things that we suggest that you bring:

- Swim suit and/or T-Shirt and shorts
- Sneakers
- Sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat
- Wool sweater, wool socks, wool hat, wool mittens. Bring these even in summer for that cool, rainy day. * **DO NOT** bring cotton for on river warmth - it only makes you colder. * Wetsuits are available on first come-first served basis and **MAY NOT** be reserved.
- Raingear - we do go rain or shine!
- Dry clothes and shoes for after the trip
- Multi-day trips:
  - (1) Sleeping bag and pad
  - (2) Dry clothes for camp and all personal items and toiletries
  - (3) Flashlight

** **DO NOT** take valuables on the river! (Such as watches, jewelry, money, ect.)



Attention Trip Organizers

Your group may qualify for discounted rates and trip organizers always receive special incentives! Many custom trip itineraries are available for corporate meetings and incentives , conventions, workshops, seminars motorcoach tours, scout groups, reunions and your club or orginizations special getaway! (We are travel agent commissionable.)
Call today for a Free trip organizers kit!

Drift-a-Bit Provides

- All rafting and safety equipment
- Professional Guides trained in River Safety, First Aid/CPR, and the History and Legends of the New River Gorge Area.
- All-you-can-eat deli style lunch
- Shuttle to and from the river
- Refreshments before and after the trip
- Professional photographer on the river to catch you in action
- Multi-day trips
  - (1) Lunches, Dinners & Breakfasts
  - (2) Tents and Cooking gear
  - (3) Gear Bags for transporting your gear

Requests may be made (for guides, oar-powered or paddle-powered boats, ect.) but we **CANNOT** guarantee any request.

Can I Raft?

We require our guests to be at least 12 years old and weigh at least 90 lbs. for the lower New River, 6 years old for the upper New River, and 16 years old for the Gauley River. If you are in reasonably good physical condition and crazy enough to climb into the raft, you're welcome to run the river with us! No previous whitewater experience is needed on the New River or the Lower Gauley. Previous whitewater experience is highly recommended for the Upper Gauley. Anyone under 18 **must** bring a release filled out and signed by his/her parents or guardianship form complete & notarized. (Women make excellent paddlers since women's weight to strength ratio is usually superior to men's.)

Directory

Hotel & Motel

Comfort Inn, New River	Fayetteville, WV	304-574-3443
Holiday Inn	Oak Hill, WV	304-465-0571
Econolodge	Bradley, WV	304-877-6455
Glen Ferris Inn	Glen Ferris, WV	304-632-1111
Comfort Inn	Beckley, WV	304-255-2161
Beckley Hylton Hotel & Conference Center	Beckley, WV	800-274-6010
Holiday Inn	Beckley, WV	304-255-1511
Days Inn	Beckley, WV	304-255-5291
Best Western Motor Lodge	Beckley, WV	304-252-0671
Super 8 Motel	Beckley, WV	304-253-0802
Honey In The Rock Motel	Beckley, WV	304-252-7391
Super 8 Motel	Summersville, WV	304-872-4888
Comfort Inn	Summersville, WV	304-872-5638
Best Western Summersville Lake Motor Lodge	Summersville, WV	304-872-6900
General Lewis Inn	Lewisburg, WV	304-645-2600

Bed & Breakfast

The Garvey House	Winona, WV	800-767-3235

Restaurants

Elliots Restaurant & Lounge	Fayetteville,WV	304-574-3443
Mountain Laurel Restaurant DBA Shad"s	Fayetteville,WV	304-574-3638
New Western Pancake House	Fayetteville,WV	304-574-1240
Golden Corral Family Steakhouse	Oak Hill,WV	304-465-1661
Three Gables Club Restaurant	Hilltop,WV	304-469-9009
Carriage House Family Restaurant	Beckley,WV	304-252-8661
Brass Lantern Restaurant	Beckley,WV	304-252-8661
Pier 77 Restaurant	Beckley,WV	304-255-5573
Western Steer Family Restaurant	Summersville,WV	304-872-5638
Shoney's Family Restaurant	Summersville,WV	304-872-6785

Campgrounds

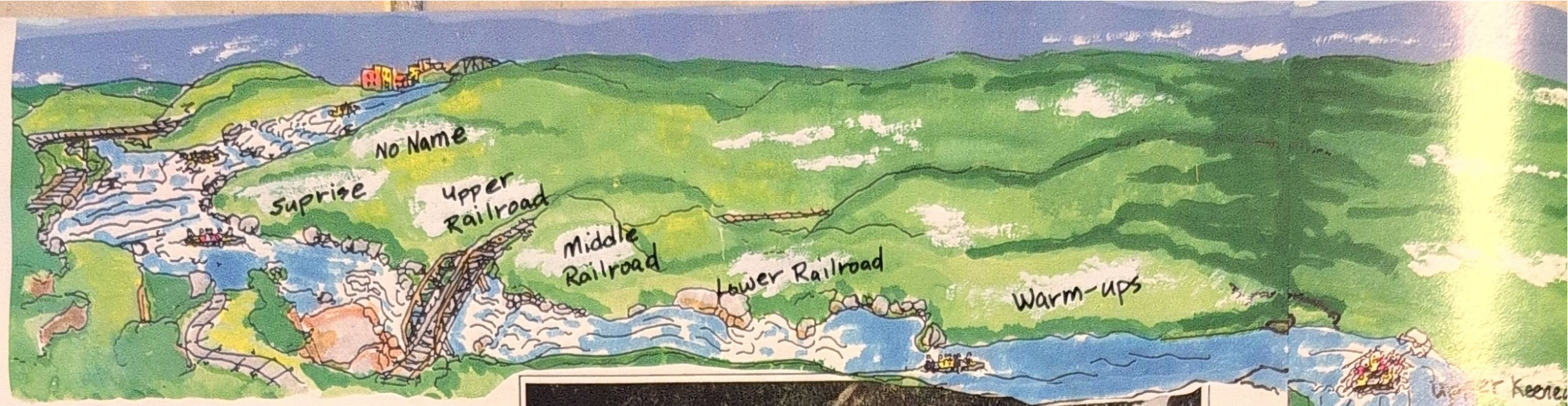
Possum Trot Campground (Drift-A-Bit)	Fayetteville, WV	800-633-RAFT
Mountain Laurel RV Park	Fayetteville, WV	304-574-0188
Mountain Lake Campground	Summersville, WV	800-624-0440

Possum Trot Campground

- ▲ Private primitive campground adjacent to Dab's Rafting HQ.
- ▲ Tent camping only
- ▲ Group sites available
- ▲ Showerhouse w/ hot water, flush toilets
- ▲ Horseshoe pits
- ▲ Volleyball court
- ▲ Plenty of woods & fields to hike
- ▲ Vehicles are not allowed in the campground
- ▲ Pets are not allowed
- ▲ Plenty of open space for playing frisbee, throwing softball or football

Possum Trot Campground/Drift-a-bit, Inc.

Reserves the right to demand any person(s) not abiding by the rules and regulations of Possum Trot Campground (above and as posted) and by the laws of West Virginia to leave the premises without refund. Possum Trot Campground/Drift-a-Bit, Inc. is not responsible for bodily injury while on premises or for damage or loss of personal property, camping equipment and gear, vehicle, etc. A guest is liable for any and all damages to Drift-a-Bit/Possum Trot property.



The New River

The New River, oldest river in the Western hemisphere, has carved a thousand-foot deep gorge through the foothills of southern West Virginia. The New River is an ideal combination of beautiful scenery and the largest volume of whitewater in the east. The river drops approximately 240 feet in 15 miles. Our New River season is from mid-March to mid-November. April and May offer high water excitement, while June, July and August are our summer months and will give you moderate water levels. In September and October you can enjoy the cool, clear air and beautiful fall foliage.

The Lower section of the New River is loved by novice and expert alike. There are 15 miles of Class I-V whitewater, on the International I-VI scale of difficulty. In the morning, you'll find a lot of small rapids and calm water, perfect for learning how to paddle, how to brace, and how to work as a crew. This, also, gives you time to enjoy the scenery, and of course, to engage in water battles! After lunch, we'll hit the big whitewater! You'll have enough time between rapids to bail, catch your breath and let out a "yeeha!" We'll take out beneath the New River Gorge Bridge, the world's longest single span steel arch bridge. The amount of time you will spend on the river depends upon the water level but is usually 6-8 hours.

The Middle section of New River is for families, youth groups and senior citizens who don't have a full day to spend on the river. This section offers 3 to 4 hours of class I-III whitewater with time to swim, play and enjoy the scenery.

TheUpper section of the New River is perfect for families, youth groups and senior citizen outings. There are plenty of rapids in the 14 miles small enough for the young, yet big enough to be fun. Between rapids are calm pools for swimming, splashing or just relaxing. As always, we provide a great lunch and West Virginia provides the scenery! You will spend 5-6 hours on the upper section of the New River.

Two Day New River

DRIFT-A-BIT's New River two-day rafting trip covers about 30 miles of the New River. The first day is laid-back with small rapids, calm pools, swimming, playing and the beautiful scenery of West Virginia. The second day you'll start entering the Gorge. By lunch you'll be running the largest volume of whitewater in the east. You'll be on the river about 5-6 hours the first day and 6-8 hours the second day, depending on the water level. On this trip you'll set up a river side camp with your guides preparing an excellent dinner and a hearty breakfast. This is primitive camping - no "facilities." It may be possible to arrange special trips for your group. Check with us.

Three Day New River

This trip is for the person who wants to forget the city, work, etc. - Rest and Relaxation! You'll raft about 45 miles of the New River, with lots of laid-back floating, hiking and more of that beautiful scenery. You'll make two riverside camps with your guides preparing an excellent dinner each evening and a hearty breakfast each morning. It may be possible to arrange special trips for your group. Check with us.

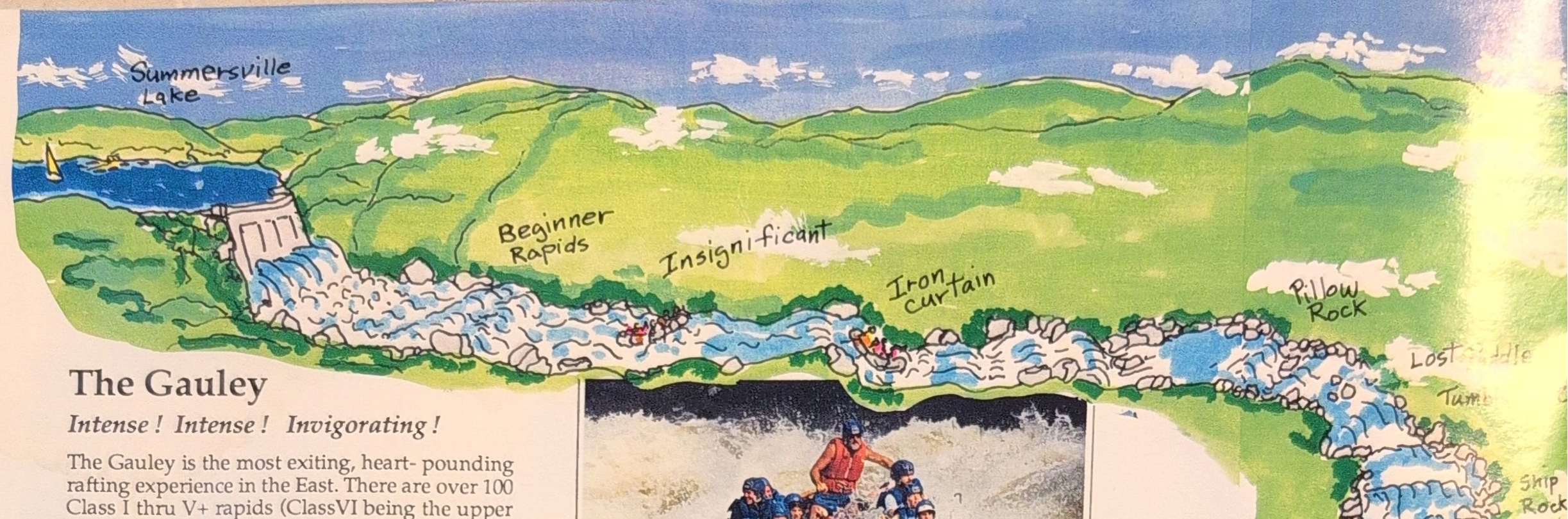
Overnight Raft & Ride

This adventure combines a horseback ride through the New River Gorge, camping on the river and a raft trip on the lower section of the New River.

One Day Raft & Ride

Option #1: Three hour horseback ride along the New River Gorge, riverside lunch and three to four hour tirp on the Class III-V section of the Lower New River. Those who don't want to raft the lower, can ride horseback out of the Gorge while the others raft.

Option #2: Three to four hour raft trip on the Class I-III section of the Lower New River, riverside lunch and horseback ride out of the Gorge.



The Gauley

Intense ! Intense ! Invigorating !

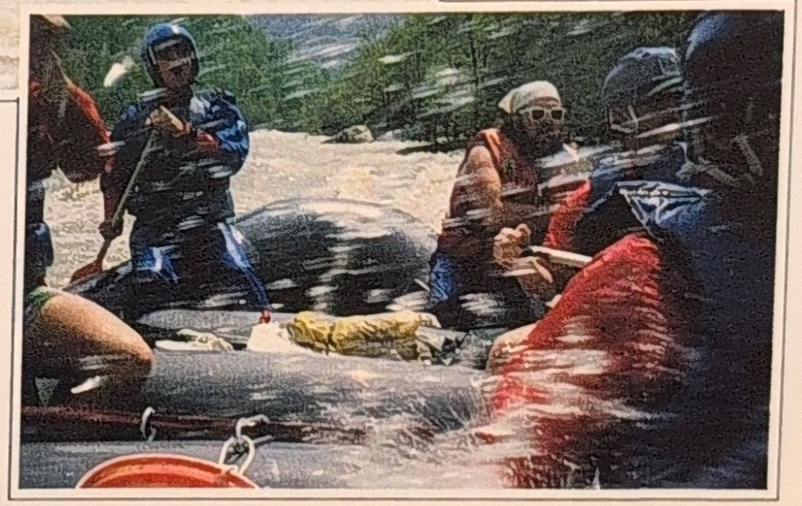
The Gauley is the most exiting, heart- pounding rafting experience in the East. There are over 100 Class I thru V+ rapids (ClassVI being the upper limit of navigability) in 26 miles. The rapids are extremely steep and require strenuous maneuvering. The Gauley is an isolated, breathtakingly beautiful river full of excitement, fun and danger! Your raft will be powered by a crew of 6-8 people and one guide. Everyone must paddle! We'll provide all safety equipment, guide, shuttle to and from the river, a deli style riverside lunch all-you-can-eat and refreshments before and after the trip.

Upper Gauley:

This is not a river for the novice. We put in at the Summersville Dam and run about 14 miles of Class III-V+ rapids. The rapids are continuous with steep, turbulent drops and technical routes demanding constant manuvering. Rapids with names of Insignificant, Pillow Rock, Lost Paddle and Sweets Falls (to name a few) demand respect because the margin of error is slim. Previous rafting experience, a minimum of 16 years of age and good physical condition are required.

Lower Gauley:

We run about 12 miles of Class III-V rapids on this section of the Gauley. Although the rapids are not as intense as some on the Upper Gauley, the guides love this section of the river due to the diverse and continous fun and exciting runs in the canyon.



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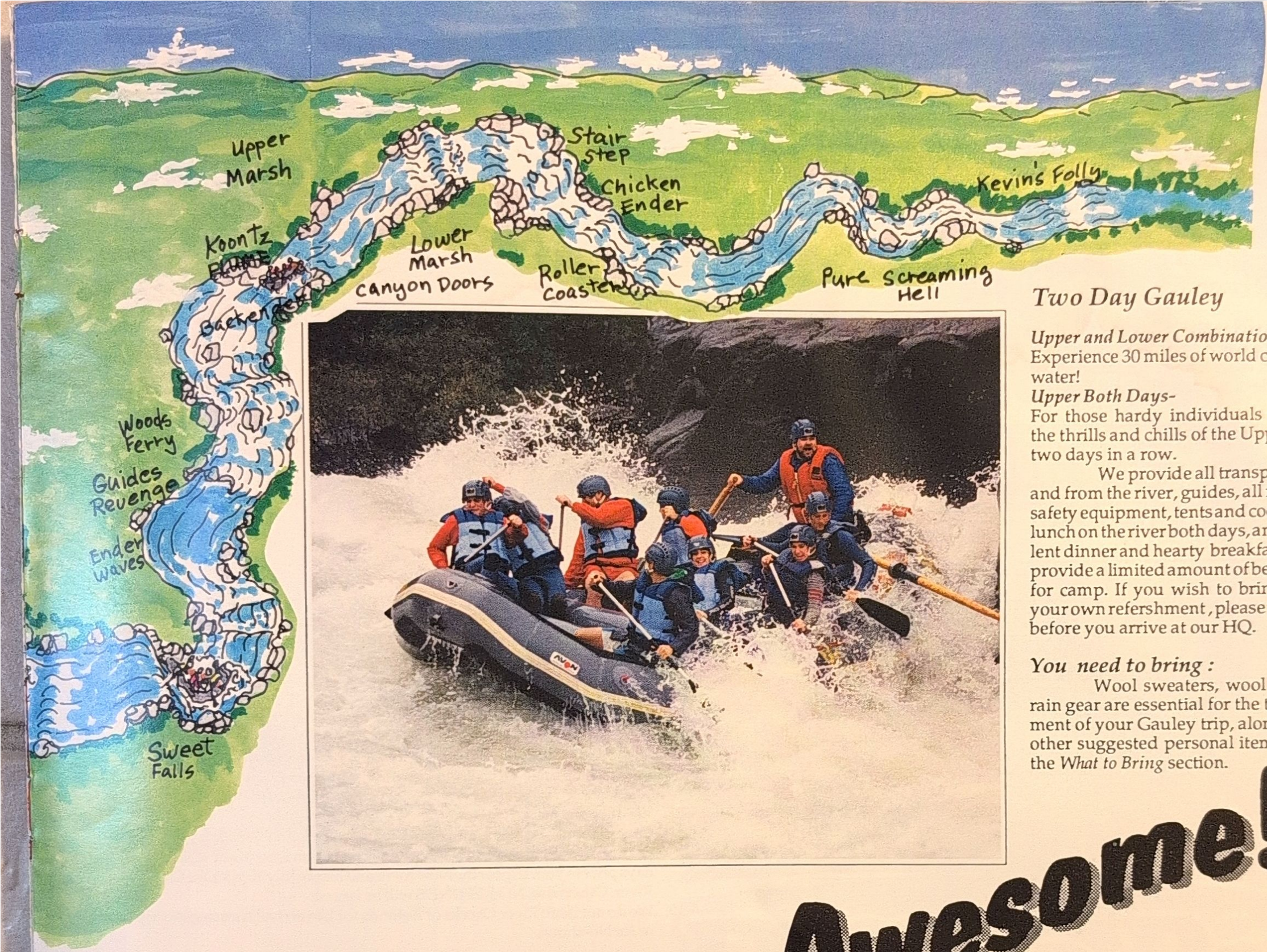

Two Day Gauley

Upper and Lower Combination-
Experience 30 miles of world class white-water!

Upper Both Days-
For those hardy individuals who want the thrills and chills of the Upper Gauley two days in a row.

We provide all transportation to and from the river, guides, all rafting and safety equipment, tents and cooking gear, lunch on the river both days, and an excellent dinner and hearty breakfast. We also provide a limited amount of beer and pop for camp. If you wish to bring some of your own refershment, please purchase it before you arrive at our HQ.

You need to bring :

Wool sweaters, wool socks and rain gear are essential for the total enjoyment of your Gauley trip, along with the other suggested personal items listed in the *What to Bring* section.

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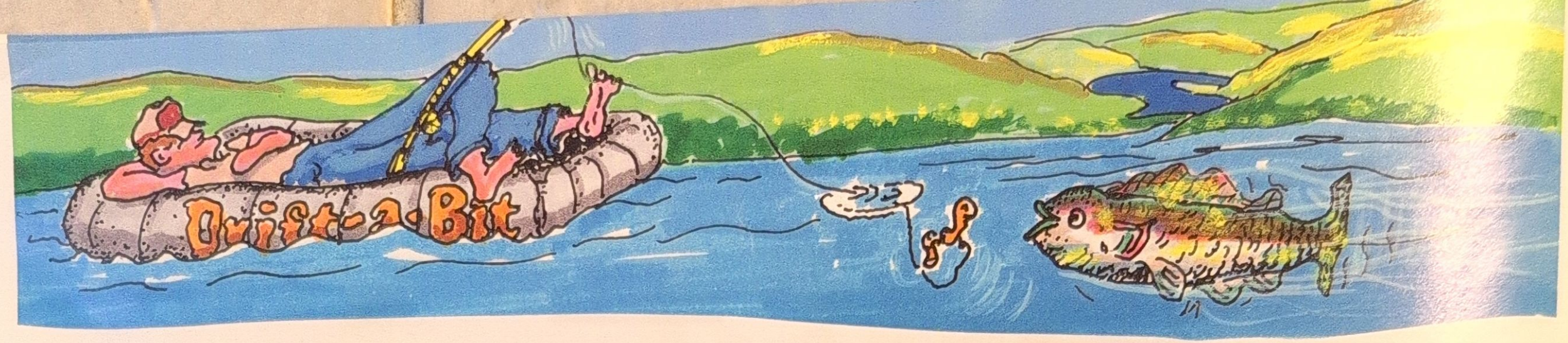
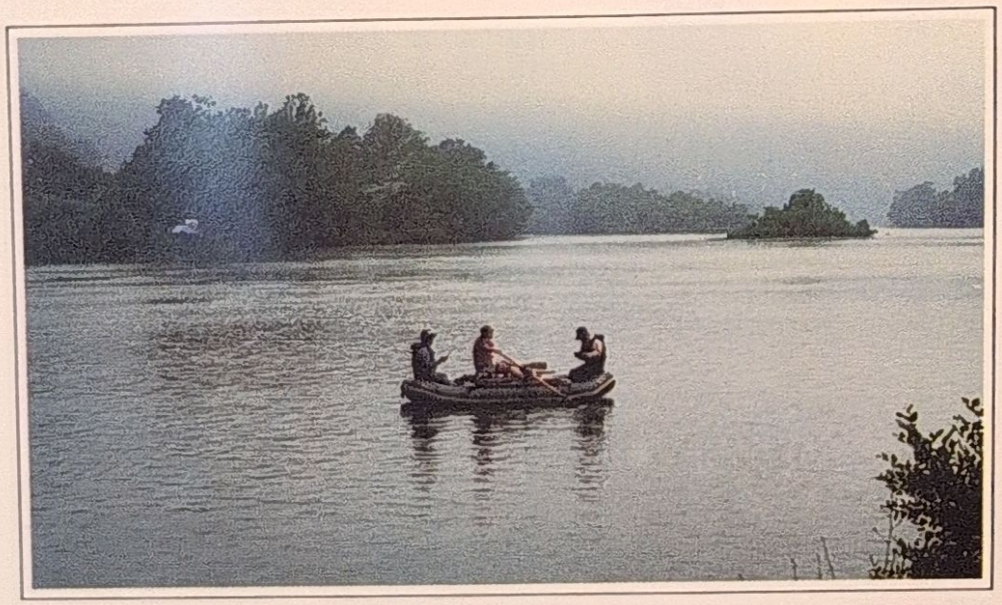


New River Fishing Trip

The New River is one of the best small- mouth bass producing rivers in West Virginia. A float/fishing trip with Drift-A-Bit is a great way to relax and enjoy a day of fishing. Of course, the beautiful scenery and solitude of the New River is there for you to enjoy, also.

We will provide a fishing/river guide, using a center mount oar rig to navigate the boat to plenty of great fishing holes, all the safety gear, shuttles, lunch, refreshments and bait. You need to bring a pole and tackle and a valid West Virginia fishing license. (A non-resident six day permit with conservation stamp can be obtained at many convenient locations for a nominal fee.)



The serenity of the New River above the rapids on the upper part are ideal for a day of fishing and relaxation.

How To Make A Reservation

1. Select the river and section that best suits your plans and level.
2. Select a date and an alternate date.
3. Determine number of rafters and/or campers.
4. Call 1-800-633-RAFT to make your reservation.
5. Confirm reservations by sending a required deposit per person per rafting day and the reservation form within 14 days of calling in your reservation. Send to: Drift-a-Bit, Inc., P.O. Box 885, Fayettevelle, WV 25840.
6. Send your balance of monies due at least 45 days prior to your trip date for the New River and no later than June 1 for the Gauley River.
7. Reservations made less than 45 days prior to your trip date for the New River and after June 1 for the Gauley River require full payment and reservation form within 14 days in order to confirm.

Please Note:

1. No personal checks will be accepted within 30 days of your raft trip or for amounts totaling more than $500.00.
2. All monies must be paid in U.S. currency.
3. There is a $10.00 fee on all returned checks.
4. We do accept VISA, MC and Discover for last minute reservations with receipt of a faxed Drift-a-Bit credit card agreement.
5. Forfeited deposits cannot be applied to any balance that is due.
6. Drift-a-Bit reserves the right to cancel reservations without refund or notice upon nonreceipt of balance within the time limits described above.
7. Date changes may be possible if requested at least 45 days prior to the original trip date for the New River or prior to July 15th for the Gauley.
8. We do recommend trip cancellation insurance.
9. Cancellations and/or refunds will be honored (less the $25.00 deposit per person per rafting day) only if written notification is received at least 45 days prior to your trip for the New River and before July 15th for the Gauley River. Otherwise, NO REFUNDS will be issued.
10. We do not issue River Checks or Refunds for late arrivals missing the trip or for No-shows.

Specializing in Enjoying The New River Gorge !

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